

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES NO. CA0083771)**

FOR

**CITY OF RIO VISTA
NORTHWEST WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
SOLANO COUNTY**

The City of Rio Vista (Discharger) owns the Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility) and Veolia Water West Operating Services, Inc is the operator of the Facility. The Facility serves the City of Rio Vista with a population of approximately 3,400, and has the capacity to discharge up to 1.0 million gallons per day of tertiary treated effluent. The United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) have classified this discharge as a major discharge. Tertiary-treated municipal wastewater is discharged to the Sacramento River, a water of the United States, within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

During the term of the current NPDES permit the Discharger significantly upgraded the Facility resulting in higher quality effluent. This has resulted in the proposed removal of effluent limitations for several constituents. The proposed NPDES Permit renewal also includes new or more stringent effluent limitations for copper, salinity, ammonia, and nitrate plus nitrite.

A tentative NPDES Permit was issued for public comment on 18 March 2010 and comments were due on 19 April 2010. Comments were received by the due date from the Discharger and the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance. In response to the comments received, minor changes have been made to the 18 March 2010 tentative permit.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: 28/29/30 July 2010
TIME: 8:30 AM
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Dr., Suite #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- City of Rio Vista
- California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes

of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **12 July 2010**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Comments on the revised tentative permit are being accepted only for the changes made to the 18 March 2010 tentative permit. Persons wishing to comment on these changes for the noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than 5:00 PM on **12 July 2010**. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 PM on **12 July 2010** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party. Comments will only be accepted on the changes to the 18 March 2010 tentative permit, which are shown in strikeout/underline format.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the tentative Order should contact Ms. Elizabeth Lee at (916) 464-4787. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun-Center-Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California-95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **The final meeting agenda will be available at**

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/ at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the date the Board meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).

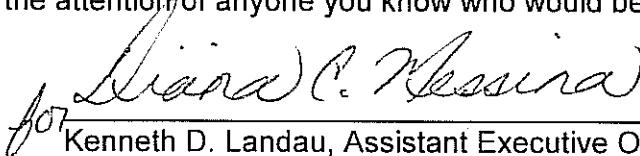
The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.

The procedures may be obtained by accessing

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/index.shtml. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.


for Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer